

# REPORT

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**TO:** Regional Council  
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**RE:** International Maglev Conference in Shanghai, China.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approval for 4 persons to attend the international Maglev conference in Shanghai, China the week of October 21-24, 2003. A consultant from Lockheed Martin Missions Systems has been invited to the conference (Lockheed Martin will pay for their own expenses).

**BACKGROUND:**

There will be an international Maglev conference in Shanghai, China, the week of October 21-24, 2003. The conference is primarily a government-to-government meeting between China and Germany. However, the US has also been invited. US Federal Railroad Administration representatives will present the US Maglev Deployment Program at the conference.

Transit International-USA, Inc. has been permitted to invite a small number of people (4-5) from each US project.

The Maglev Grant allows travel for fact finding on technology.

The cost for each person including travel is approximately \$1,250

Air Travel: \$788

Hotel: \$129 per night (x 3 =\$387)

Incidentals are approximately \$25 per day (x 3 =\$75)

The cost for four persons including travel is approximately \$5,000

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

The travel budget is already included in the current OWP under existing Maglev work element 04-242, but still needs local match. The total local match is 1/3 of the cost, \$1,667. Staff is exploring to determine if the cost is allowable under the FRA Grant. The cost might be all or partially paid by SCAG.